

LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

- 1) Call to Order/ Roll Call: approximately 7:05 pm, Chairman Garfinkel calls meeting to order. Absent: Marshall Ochylski and George Call.
- 2) Agenda Item 1, Approval of Minutes from meetings on June 11, 2007 and June 18, 2007. No public comment requests. **Bob Semonsen motions to accept minutes, Jim Furman second. Motion carries.**
- 3) Agenda Item 2, Pro/Con analysis of Collection system Alternatives: Opening comments by Chairman Garfinkel. Discusses community emotion toward topic of collection systems, progress of Pro/Con analysis; meeting procedure; and submitting written public comments (**attached**).

Rob Miller gives a brief presentation on the different collection system options considered in the Draft Fine Screening Report. Those options are: STEP and gravity systems (**attached**).

Working group reports:

- a. Engineering and Water Resources working group: Discussion and written summary of pro/con analysis of collection systems from working group meeting on June 20, 2007 (**attached**).
- b. Environmental working group: Discussion and written summary of pro/con analysis of collection systems from working group meeting on June 19, 2007 (**attached**).
- c. Finance working group: Discussion and written summary of pro/con analysis of collection systems from working group meeting on June 20, 2007 (**attached**).

Public comment on Agenda Item 2:

Richard Margetson: Discusses errors in tables and figures in Draft Fine Screening Report.

Chuck Cesena: Submits copy of a letter from AquaLaw (**attached**), discusses the STEP system and easements.

Lacey Cooper: Discusses the STEP system, the pro/con analysis, and potential risks of a gravity collection system.

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Project email address: LOWWP@co.slo.ca.us

Bo Cooper: Discusses EIR for previous project, electrical connections, cost estimates in Draft Fine Screening Report, and the LOCSD's Wastewater Advisory Committee's review of the Draft Fine Screening Report.

Anne Norment: Discusses STEP system cost estimates, potential collection system risks, size of lid for STEP tank, and long term cost projections of bio-solids handling.

Lawson Schaller: Discusses Engineering working group report, inflow and infiltration estimates, decentralized treatment systems, and Pio Lombardo's presentation to PZLDF.

Pat Renshaw: Discusses electrical connections for STEP, risks of spills, utility easements, advisory committee meeting process, and cost estimates in Ripley Report.

George Taylor: Discusses Pio Lombardo's presentation to PZLDF, estimated costs from Orenco, and estimated costs in Draft Fine Screening Report.

Linde Owen: Discusses potential collection system risks, STEP system operation and maintenance estimates, and SCADA alarm system.

Frank Ausilio: Discusses existing septic tank locations, ground water levels in Los Osos, potential collection system risks, risks of spills, and archeological impacts.

Alon Perman: Discusses advisory committee meeting process, contingency estimates for a STEP system, decommissioning septic tanks, potential locations of STEP tanks, estimated energy use, and bio-solids handling.

Stewart Decker: Discusses on-lot impacts to property owners for both collection system options.

Al Barrow: Discusses County process, estimated costs in Draft Fine Screening Report, estimated energy use for STEP pumps, and private industry estimates.

Advisory committee responds to public comment: discusses AquaLaw letter, size of STEP tank lids, control box needed for STEP tank, , map of groundwater contours by Fugro West, and lift stations.

Advisory committee discusses the pro/cons of gravity & STEP collection systems and their relationship with other project components, risks of spills, impact on the environment, and estimated interval of pumping time for STEP.

Advisory committee discusses research on communities using STEP system done by the engineering working group: comparison of estimated costs in Draft Fine

Screening Report, equipment reliability, communities with similar population and terrain as Los Osos, operation & maintenance costs, and tank size.

Advisory committee discusses range of on-lot costs, homeowner and project costs, alarm systems, odor and noise associated with a STEP pump and gravity system lift station, risks and impacts of spills for both STEP and gravity systems, construction dewatering issues, and backup power to gravity system lift stations. **No action taken.**

Public Comments

Richard Margetson: Discusses Figure 3.7 in Draft Fine Screening Report and homeowner costs.

Gewynn Taylor: Discusses vacancy in Environmental Working Group.

Al Barrow: Discusses private industry estimates and cost estimates in the Draft Fine Screening Report.

Alon Perlman: Discusses advisory committee meeting process, tracking edits to working pro/con analysis document.

Michael Jones: Discusses County process, decentralized treatment systems and Pio Lombardo's presentation to PZLDF.

Linde Owen: Discusses lift stations, road restoration, and construction of a STEP collection system.

Chris Allebe: Discusses retrofitting current septic system, construction of a gravity collection system and archeological resources.

Frank Ausilio: Discusses potential for alternative energy, potential grants for green technologies, and backup power.

- 4) Date of next advisory committee meeting: Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Los Osos at the South Bay Community Center.
- 5) Meeting adjourns at approximately 10:07 pm.